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# AMERICAN PEAT SOCIETY

(Incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York.)

## Constitution and By-Laws

Adopted at the 6th Annual Meeting, New York, Sept. 7th, 1912.

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### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I.

##### Name.

The name of this organization shall be American Peat Society, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1912.

#### ARTICLE II.

##### Objects.

The objects of this society shall be to investigate and encourage the utilization of the vegetable products known as peat, muck, turf and bog deposits. To gather and disseminate information in connection with such peat, turf and bog deposits, and to direct or conduct experiments in peat utilization should the Executive Committee deem it expedient.

#### ARTICLE III.

##### Membership.

**Section. 1.** Any person who is interested in peat, turf or bog deposits is eligible to membership in this Society.

**Sec. 2.** There shall be three classes of members, viz., Honorary Members, Life Members and Members.

**Sec. 3.** Persons distinguished in the art of the utilization of Peat or cognate products or in the encouragement of the utilization of the same, may be elected to Honorary Membership. An Honorary Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, but he shall have no right, title or interest in any of the property of the Society. The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed ten residents of the North American Continent and ten residents of foreign countries.

**Sec. 4.** Life Membership shall be restricted to those who shall pay to the Society One Hundred Dollars in place of Annual Dues. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership.

**Sec. 5.** Any eligible person may be elected to membership.

## ARTICLE IV.

### Trustees.

The management of the affairs, funds and property of this Society shall be vested in an Executive Committee, which shall number nine members, which number shall include the Officers of the Society.

## ARTICLE V.

### Officers.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Secretary and Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Election of Officers.

**Section 1.** The officers shall be elected annually and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

**Sec. 2.** At each annual election there shall be elected five Executives to hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Amendments.

**Section 1.** This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of all members present and voting, provided:

1st. That the proposed amendment shall have been first submitted in writing to the Executive Committee and shall have been approved by them, and

2nd. That notice of the proposed amendment, so approved, shall be given to the members of the Society at least thirty days previous to the annual meeting, and that the proposed amendment in full or part, shall form a part of the notice of the meeting at which final action is to be taken.

**Sec. 2.** In the absence of the approval of the Executive Committee this Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Society, provided all other conditions herein specified shall have been complied with.

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## BY-LAWS

(Adopted at 6th Annual Meeting, New York, Sept. 7, 1912)

### I—GOVERNMENT.

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee shall have general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the Society, and of all other matters not otherwise herein provided for.

**Sec. 2.** Meetings of the Committee shall be held upon the call of the President of the Society, or upon the request of two members of the Board and a quorum shall consist of three members.

**Sec. 3.** The Executive Committee shall pass upon the qualifications for admission of membership to the Society. It shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of the Society by a majority vote of the whole Board. It shall also act upon any resignations of membership.

**Sec. 4.** The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies in its body by the election of any member of the Society, who shall serve until the next annual election.

### II.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

**Section 1.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall be chairman of the Executive Committee, and he shall with the Secretary-Treasurer, or in his absence with the First Vice-President, sign all written contracts and obligations of the Society.

#### First Vice-President.

**Sec. 2.** It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to act in the absence or disability of the President. He shall also be a member of the Executive Committee.

### **Second Vice-President.**

**Sec. 3.** It shall be the duty of the Second Vice-President to act in the absence or disability of the President and First Vice-President. He shall also be a member of the Executive Committee.

### **Secretary-Treasurer.**

**Sec. 4.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee; he shall notify members of their election, issue notices of all meetings, conduct the correspondence, keep the records of the Society, collect all moneys due the Society and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Executive Committee. He shall deposit all moneys due the Society in such institutions as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. He shall pay all bills approved by the Committee, and shall make a report to that body when so requested. He shall present at the annual meeting a written statement of the financial condition of the Society.

## **III.—COMMITTEES.**

**Section 1.** The President of the Society or the Executive Committee may appoint for the benefit and interests of the Society, and determine the scope of their work.

## **IV.—MEMBERSHIP.**

**Section 1.** Candidates for membership in the Society shall be proposed by one member, in writing.

**Sec. 2.** Nominations for Honorary Membership shall be made by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

**Sec. 3.** A member-elect who fails to pay his dues within sixty days from the date of his election, thereby forfeits his rights to qualify, unless permitted to do so by vote of the Executive Committee, after the payment of the proper dues has been made.

## **V.—DUES.**

**Section 1.** The membership dues shall be five dollars per year or as provided by the Constitution.

**Sec. 2.** Members elected within two months of the time when the annual dues are payable, shall be exempt from the payment of the dues for the current year.

## **VI.—MEETINGS.**

**Section 1.** The date of the annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

**Sec. 2.** Other meetings of the Society can be held at the call of the President or of the Executive Committee or upon written request of five members in good standing, addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to each member at least seven days before the date of the meeting.

**Sec. 3.** At the annual meeting, fifteen members shall constitute a quorum, and at other meetings, ten members..

## **VII.—PUBLICATIONS.**

**Section 1.** The Society shall publish a Society organ, the same to be edited and published as the Executive Committee shall provide.

## **VIII.—SECTIONS.**

**Section 1.** Whenever twenty or more members located in any part of the world shall so desire and shall secure permission of the Executive Committee, they may organize a Section, to be presided over by a chairman and may hold meetings at such times as may be decided upon by a majority of the members of the Section. The expenses of such meetings, not exceeding 20 per cent. of the amount of the membership fees paid in by the members of the Section, shall be paid from the general funds of the Society, on presentation of itemized accounts of all expenditures.

## **IX.—AMENDMENTS.**

**Section 1.** These By-Laws may be amended by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Society present at any meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been approved by the Executive Committee and mailed to every member at least ten days before the meeting at which it is to be considered.

# OFFICERS

## 1912-1913.

### President.

JOHN N. HOFF, 17 Battery Place, New York.

### Past Presidents.

DR. JOS. HYDE PRATT, State Geologist, N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C.

DR. EUGENE HAANEL, Director of Mines, Ottawa, Ont., Canada.

DR. J. A. HOLMES, Director U. S. Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C.

### Secretary-Treasurer.

JULIUS BORDOLLO, Kingsbridge, New York City.

### Executive Committee.

President, John N. Hoff, New York.

1st Vice Pres., Dr. T. Mighill, 15 Exchange St., Boston.

2nd Vice-Pres., Carl Kleinstuck, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Sec-Treas., Julius Bordollo, New York.

G. Herbert Condict, 922 Central Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Dr. Charles McKenna, 50 Church St., New York.

Dr. J. McWilliam, London, Ont., Canada.

Dr. Herbert Philipp, Perth Amboy, N. J.

Robert Ransom, St. Augustine, Florida.

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